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Column One By DAVID COURTNEY

QAY what we will, and pretend as we like, everything still depends on the United States of America; the Suez conflict and any other that is starting or may yet startle us. What, then, are we to make of the Democratic and Republican conventions, and the assertions of world policy that have come from them and from the nominated Presidential candidates?

MR. Stevenson called for the second time to challenge Mr. Eisenhower, took as his keynote the "rebirth of American leadership." The United States, he said, is stalled in the middle of the road while the world goes whirling by. Allowing for the natural exaggeration of Chicago, one has, indeed, that sense of "stalled" policy: on China, even on Germany, on Suez and on the Middle East generally. Unless it gets moving soon, America in the long run may suffer the consequences; with her allies. In the short run, America can afford to dilly-dally as it stands accreted in the Republican armour of "peace, progress and prosperity." Her allies, particularly Britain and France, cannot.

THAT has often been the cause of what the newspapers call a "rift" between London and Washington, or London and Paris on the one side and Washington on the other; the fact that in such issues as the Suez Canal, North Africa, or even Formosa, America can afford to wait, and see, or to be masterfully aloof, or, sometimes, merely indifferent to the interests of friends who are compelled to live, internationally speaking, from hand to mouth and can not take the kind of risk, whether in Formosa, or Suez, or Cyprus or South-East Asia, that America can.

BUT if Chicago looked upon America's foreign policy as stalled in the middle of the road, San Francisco's Cow Palace saw it as something that had "led the way," causing the danger of world war to recede, bringing Communist ambition to a halt, and generally making things easier for the democratic world at large. It is the Republican foreign policy statement, it was Mr. Dulles who arranged the Geneva Conference; the Eisenhower Administration that has kept the Korean war, the President who, by his firmness, turned the Chinese from their intention to occupy Formosa.

THE document hinted at American sympathy for peoples wishing to throw off the "yoke of colonialism," and the injustices of foreign domination. It talked of "impartial friendship" for the Arab States and Israel, with the rider that Israel's preservation is an important tenet of American foreign policy. NATO alliance was largely the work of the present Administration, which had taken the initiative in transmuting the purely military purposes of the organization into a means for co-ordinating its members' policies.

PUT that way it is an impressive record and doubtless will influence the electorate. The question is whether its importance, together with the undeniable fact of internal prosperity, can overcome the uncertainties in the voters' minds caused by Mr. Eisenhower's health; or, rather, the voters' uncertainties about Mr. Nixon as Vice-President, a possible President, and a favourite American story just now. President Eisenhower, duly elected and inaugurated, together with his Vice-President, Mr. Nixon, drives off to the White House. At the Presidential mansion, they both alight from the car and Mr. Nixon says to Mr. Eisenhower: "I'll race you up the steps."

It is a cruel story; and Mr. Nixon may be as anxious as many others that Mr. Eisenhower, if elected, should be able to stay the course. But it is an anxiety which is not, far more than Nixon can be expected to feel it, by a world outside that knows how much its future depends on the kind of direction given to America's world policies.

Jerusalem, August 26.

Cairo Asylum Provided For Cypriot Greek

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — A 19-year-old Cypriot, George Cotsionis, was granted political asylum in Egypt by Abdul Nasser today. He is now in the care of the Cypriot Association and Greek Embassy. Cotsionis, who is allegedly involved in connection with EOKA activities in Cyprus, was being flown back from Rhodesia to Cyprus. During a brief stop at Cairo airport he managed to get in touch with a Greek waiter at the airport cafeteria and asked him to tell Egyptian security police that he was seeking political asylum here, according to the Military Attache at the Greek Embassy.

In Cyprus, security forces raided a right wing union headquarters here today as British troops tightened precautions against new terrorist violence after EOKA's rejection of the British terms. They were reported to have seized documents in a raid on the Nicosia headquarters of the Pan-Cypriot Farmers Union. This has branches in many villages throughout the island. They detained the union's General Secretary, Mr. Haridimos Hadjiohannis, for questioning but later released him. Today's precautions followed the distribution of leaflets yesterday in which Digenis, chief of EOKA, said he would lead his army to the Governor, Sir John Harding, withdrew his "wretched order for surrender" by midnight on Monday. That would be a week after it was issued. A Greek Cypriot was killed and another seriously wounded by an explosion in friends who are compelled to live, internationally speaking, from hand to mouth and can not take the kind of risk, whether in Formosa, or Suez, or Cyprus or South-East Asia, that America can.

GREEK-RUMANIAN RELATIONS RESUMED

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuters). — Greece and Rumania today officially resumed diplomatic relations for the first time since World War II. The Greek Foreign Minister said Ambassadors would be exchanged soon.

Six Soldiers Killed In Algerian Ambush

CONSTANTINE, Saturday (Reuters). — Six Algerian soldiers were killed when a military convoy was ambushed last night near Ain Abid, about 44 kms. to the south of Algiers, according to reports reaching here today.

The insurgents lost two killed. A Legionnaire was shot down last night by an insurgent at Djelfa, about 250 kms. south of Algiers. In a security check which followed, two suspects were killed.

Dr. Kinsey, Sex Researcher, Dead

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana, Saturday (Reuters). — Dr. Alfred Kinsey, 62, the biologist famed for his books on sexual behaviour, died here today after a brief illness. He had been suffering from heart trouble and pneumonia. Dr. Kinsey entered the Bloomington hospital on Wednesday but the seriousness of his condition was not disclosed until Friday afternoon. He died early today. He had been in and out of hospitals in Indianapolis and Bloomington for the last six months, and his research work had been sharply curtailed.

The Institute for Sex Research set up by Dr. Kinsey recently moved its headquarters to a new Life Science building on the Indiana University campus. Dr. Kinsey was virtually unknown outside scientific circles until he published in 1948 of his best-seller, "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male."

DR. JOHN CHARGED WITH TREASON

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Saturday (Reuters). — The Federal Supreme Court announced here yesterday that Dr. Otto John, former West German security chief who fled to East Germany and later returned to the West, has been charged with treason.

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to find bedbugs in the home — that can happen "in the best of families." It is a shame not to get rid of them at once since that's so easy with "Shame" which exterminates them radically and easily. "SHEMEX" is especially made for that specific purpose.

Bus Co-ops Decide To Continue Strike

JERUSALEM POST BUREAU
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Egged and Dan bus co-operatives today decided to continue their four day-old strike until their demands are met. They also declared that they would be happy to discuss the nationalization of the bus services with the Minister of Transport. It is expected that a meeting will be held tomorrow between the Minister and the co-operatives.

Nationalization was originally suggested by the co-operatives as a "take it or leave it" alternative to their claims, and was subsequently taken up by the Minister, Mr. Moshe Carmel, who invited the companies to submit proposals on their offer.

The decisions were taken at a joint meeting of the Egged and Dan Councils which followed a joint meeting of the co-operatives would call off their strike if negotiations began on nationalization, a spokesman of Egged replied. "Only after the purchase had been decided by the Minister of Transport," he said, "will the public would pay more under nationalization."

Meanwhile, no contact was made over the week-end between the co-operatives and the Government or the Histadrut. Attempts to break the deadlock were made by Mr. Yosef Kitzis, a secretary of the co-operatives centre, but without success. The companies have refused to compromise.

Earlier, an unsuccessful unofficial move was made by a leader of the Co-operative Centre to discover whether an appeal by the Prime Minister would provide the strikers with a face-saving exit from the impasse. It was dropped after it was found that the intransigent attitude of the companies made certain the rejection of the appeal.

The strike is said to be costing Egged some IL200,000 a day, and Dan IL45,000 a day. The Egged and Dan Hired Employees Committees declared yesterday that they did not take seriously the companies' refusal to discuss nationalization. Notices of dismissal have already been sent to several hundred non-permanent employees.

An acute problem is how to bridge profiteering in the absence of any enforceable legal check. Police say that they will hold an overcharging driver for 24 hours "on suspicion," which alone would discourage them from exploiting the bus strike. No case of such detention has yet been reported, however.

A handicap to police action is that the public as a rule does not complain, and passengers prefer to pay rather than get entangled with time-consuming prosecution procedure, a fact of which drivers are well aware. The Transport Emergency Committee today proposed to set up a "tribunal" for disciplining members accused of profiteering in an indirect admission that such cases are not too infrequent.

A taxi driver reported that on the first day of the strike his gross earnings shot up to IL104 as against IL40 on a "good" day in normal times. Several drivers in Ramle were reported to the police on Friday for overcharging passengers.

MEIR, ABRAMOV CONFER

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Friday received the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. A. N. Abramov, at the meeting which was held at the request of the Ambassador. Mr. Abramov handed over to the Minister a copy of the statement, issued by his country's Supreme Soviet calling for international disarmament and the prohibition of tests of atomic weapons.

Soviets Said Ready To Allow Hebrew Classes

MOSCOW, Saturday (UPI). — Mr. Alexander Arseniev, Soviet Vice-Minister of Education, said today that his Government was prepared to permit the teaching of Hebrew whenever the parents of 10 pupils request it.

He told Professor Abraham Katsh, Chairman of the Department of Hebrew Culture and Education at New York University, that Soviet law not only does not forbid Hebrew teaching, but decrees that this must be arranged should parents so desire.

Mr. Arseniev later confirmed his statement in writing, citing the relevant sections of the law which provides for "instruction in national languages. Since the Revolution, Yiddish has been considered the national language of Soviet Jews."

U.K. France Continue Military Buildup

LONDON, Saturday. — The British and French build-up in view of the Suez crisis is still in full swing. In Britain, a 10,000 freighter was loaded with high explosives, ammunition, and desert-camouflaged armoured vehicles today. Four other freighters were due to load at Southampton during the week-end.

French naval sources said France's most modern warship, the 9,000 ton cruiser De Grasse, will leave Brest for the Mediterranean next Wednesday at a fortnight's head of schedule. Other French ships are continuing manoeuvres in the Mediterranean.

Stevenson: GOP Ignores Suez, M.E.

LIBERTYVILLE, Illinois, Saturday (Reuters). — Mr. Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, tonight accused the Republicans of ignoring the Suez crisis and the Middle East threats to peace in their election platform adopted this week.

At a time when our people need honesty and facts, when they need to be alerted against the new tactics of the Communists, the Republican platform seeks to lull us into complacency," he declared.

Egyptians Attack Near Kisufim

A group of armed Egyptian soldiers crossed the border in the vicinity of the Kibbutz Kisufim on Friday morning. The Army spokesman has announced.

He added that on the approach of an Israel patrol the Egyptians opened fire at it and at an Israel position in the area.

Covering automatic and mortar fire was at the same time directed from Egyptian positions. The Egyptians were forced back across the armistice lines by the strong Israel fire, and our soldiers succeeded in returning to their positions. Egyptian fire continued until about noon.

FRENCH WOMEN ASKED TO LEAVE EGYPT

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — French consuls in Egypt have appealed to French women and children and other citizens whose presence is not absolutely indispensable, to leave Egypt, Paris diplomatic sources said here today.

Egypt Hires 31 New Pilots

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — The Egyptian Suez Canal Authority has announced that 31 new Canal pilots have been appointed, of whom 27 have already assumed their new duties, the Middle East News Agency reported. All but four of the new pilots are Egyptians.

An Egyptian Embassy spokesman in Bonn said yesterday that quite a number of applications had been received from German masters wishing to work as pilots on the Canal. He said that a fair guess would put the number of applications at more than 30, while applications had also been received from seamen of other nationalities who wanted jobs which might become vacant if British and French pilots resigned.

'Arabs Not Alone,' Khrushchev Warns

MOSCOW, Saturday (UPI). — The Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, said yesterday that "the Arabs will not stand alone" if he breaks out over the Suez Canal.

Speaking to the Western and Middle Eastern diplomats, Mr. Khrushchev said that if he had a son of military age who wanted to volunteer for war, "I would say to him, 'Just go ahead.'"

He said there are just and unjust wars. In the case of an attack on Egypt resulting from the Suez Canal crisis, he added, "this would be an unjust war."

The Party Secretary warned the French and British to be careful. He said in event of hostilities there would be "volunteers" who would come to the defence of the Arab states. He did not indicate where they would come from, however.

Mr. Khrushchev spoke at a Rumanian reception in the Hotel Sovetskaya, celebrating the 13th anniversary of the Soviet Army's "liberation" of Rumania.

Menzies Group Awaits Reply From Nasser on Suez Canal Plan

Shepilov for Free Suez Passage

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — The Soviet Union maintains the position that there should be freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, declared at a press conference yesterday, on the eve of his departure for Moscow.

He made the statement in reply to a question whether Egypt has the right to close the canal to Israel shipping, and thus defy the U.N. Security Council's resolutions on the matter.

Mr. Shepilov told a questioner, "The Soviet Union considers it necessary to voice a warning regarding the serious consequences in the Near and Middle East that might be brought about if the position of the Suez Canal were changed."

Still Hope Nasser May Meet Group

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON, Saturday. — Hope that Nasser will agree to receive Premier Menzies of Australia and his team of five in Cairo was today semi-officially voiced here.

This hope is faint but persistent despite Cairo Radio's threatening noises. Foreign Minister Shepilov's uncompromising insistence on total rejection of the London Conference majority's approach, and Mr. Krishna Menon's evident reluctance to recommend reception of the Menzies mission to the Egyptian dictator.

If there is a change in India's attitude and a corresponding weakening of Abdul Nasser's original resolve to snub the Conference majority, it is considered possible that Mr. Menzies and his team may leave for Cairo on Monday to lay their proposals before the Egyptian ruler.

What is to happen if he refuses to discuss the proposals or, having discussed them, refuses to accept them, is a question to which nobody has any answer.

The French Government seems to have privately concluded that the British Cabinet is not likely to live up to Sir Anthony's pre-conference warnings, and that current troop and ship movements in the Mediterranean are partly bluff and partly routine operations. If this assessment is shared by Abdul Nasser — and the more sophisticated commentators here and in Paris believe it is — there seems to be no reason why he should pay any attention to the majority report unless there is a sensational change in India's attitude.

Given India's hostility to Pakistan, which has been the dominant factor throughout these tortuous discussions, there seems to be little likelihood of such a change.

The best definition of the conference now put forward by official and unofficial spokesmen here is that it has averted an open split between West and East. Some considerable is also found in America's relatively firm support of the British position and Mr. Dulles' success in bringing some Asian governments into the majority camp.

Beyond these tactical considerations there is for the moment no ultimatum.

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'Not Going Begging' to Cairo

Forty-eight hours after the conclusion of the London Suez conference, the five-power "Suez Canal Committee" headed by Premier Menzies of Australia was awaiting a reply from Abdul Nasser of Egypt to its invitation for a meeting on the 17-power majority plan for the waterway.

The invitation has been taken from London to Cairo by Wing Commander Ali Sabri, the Egyptian observer at the conference.

Asian diplomats in London said the Egyptian ruler would refuse to meet the Dulles plan committee in Geneva or Rome and that the group would have to go to Cairo to discuss the crisis. The committee wants to meet Abdul Nasser on neutral ground.

Premier Menzies was quoted as telling an associate that the group will not "go begging" to the Egyptian capital. But no firm decision was made pending a receipt of the Egyptian answer.

While the committee composed of representatives of Australia, Ethiopia, Persia, Sweden and the U.S. awaited Abdul Nasser's reply, Foreign Minister Rusan Abdulgani of Indonesia said in Cairo yesterday that the Egyptian ruler would wait for the West's next move before deciding to call an expanded canal conference. He made the disclosure after a 90-minute talk with Abdul Nasser.

Report to Nasser
He was the first participant in the London conference to report to Abdul Nasser. He said that he and the latter "examined the possibility of calling an Afro-Asian conference, or a conference of all nations using the Suez Canal which has been suggested by President Abdul Nasser."

Mr. Abdulgani hinted that Indonesia, India, Ceylon, and the Soviet Union might collectively present to Egypt India's proposal for an international advisory board to co-operate with the Egyptian management of the canal. Mr. Ali Jung, visited Abdul Nasser and reported on the Indian proposal.

In London, the editor of the Egyptian Government-owned newspaper "Al Goumhouria" Kassem Gouda, said that Abdul Nasser would definitely turn down the invitation by the Menzies group to discuss the Western plan. Gouda, who has been reporting the London conference, said: "It is downright arrogance to ask the President of a sovereign state to appear before a committee."

Mr. Menzies on Friday conveyed the Western proposals to the Egyptian Embassy where he stayed for 15 minutes. There was no official statement, but the Premier said he expected a reply this weekend. His visit came after a meeting of the five-

Egyptian Destroyer Leaves U.K. for Home

PORTSMOUTH, Saturday (Reuters). — The Egyptian destroyer Al Kahar sailed from the naval dockyard here for Alexandria last night.

She is one of two British destroyers sold to Egypt. The other is the Al Fatah. Both docked here while being prepared for service. Al Fatah is yet to complete her trials. That will be undertaken shortly.

An Admiralty spokesman said there was no question of preventing the Egyptian ship from sailing.

"She has no ammunition on board and there is no 4.5-inch ammunition (required for the destroyer's main armament) in Egypt," the spokesman added. He did not think "there is any practicable chance" of the destroyer getting the shells elsewhere for her guns.

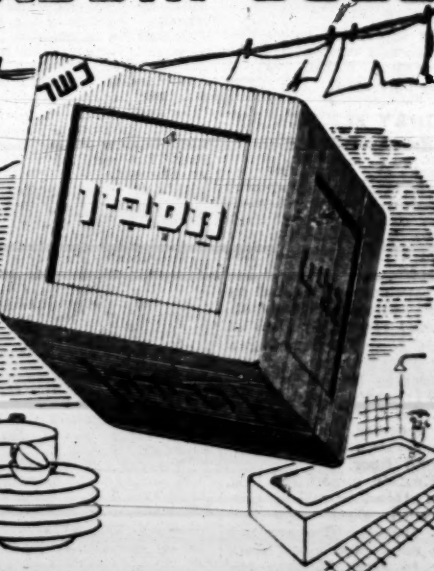
Both destroyers are of 1,710 tons.

U.K. Denies Secret Talks with Israel

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied a Cairo newspaper report claiming that Britain and Israel were conducting "secret talks" in London and Tel Aviv aimed at getting an Israel ship to try to pass through the Suez Canal in order to test Egypt's pledge to shipping the waterway open to shipping of all nations.

The spokesman said the report was "wholly without foundation."

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ARRIVALS

Dr. Ernst Simon, Professor of Education at the Hebrew University, for the U.S. to serve as Visiting Professor at the University of Judaism, Los Angeles, during his sabbatical year. Dr. Y. Foerder, Progressive Party member, Manager of Ramat, to attend the Liberal Union Convention at St. Paul, Minn., after a five-day tour (by TWA). Rabbi Moshe Halevy, Chief Rabbi of the Belgian Congo, after a short visit, Mr. Aharon Netanel, Chairman of the World Maccabi Executive Council, for three weeks in Europe. Mr. Theodore M. Berry, Deputy Mayor of Cincinnati, after a fortnight's visit (by El Al). Al Mishne, Michael Mishne, Chief of the Legation in Turkey and Yugoslavia (by Cyprus Airways).

THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

Association announced on Friday that its President is to consider the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to investigate import procedure.

MORDEHAI MIZRAHI, 6

of Jerusalem's Mahana Yehuda quarter, last Thursday, after he had been picked up in the quarter exploded. He was treated at Hadassah Hospital.

A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY

Avraham Eliahu, was badly hurt when bathing at the Bat Yam beach yesterday. He was thrown by the sea onto an underwater rock.

A PRIZE OF IL50

has been awarded to Mr. Y. Shaked, of the Ministry of Transport, by the Civil Service Commission's Committee for Incentive Awards for his suggestion to introduce automatic card indexes to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

MILLING PRICE RAISED

Milling costs have been raised by IL220 a ton, it was announced on Friday after a meeting between the Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and representatives of the millers. The price for grinding a ton of grain will be IL12,850.

MORE PHONES BEING USED IN ISRAEL

The number of telephone calls in Israel increased to 89,044 to 87,844, a rise of 15 per cent, during the year beginning April 1, 1955, the Government Year Book reports. The number of subscribers rose from 24,707 on April 1, 1955, to 32,677 a year later.

FAINT HOPE

(Continued from Page One) moment only vague talk of economic measures to bring Egypt to the conference table. The real fear is that Abdul Nasser will simply refuse to negotiate and get away with it.

AMERICAN BARITONE TO VISIT ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Saturday (US-AP). The American baritone, Mr. William Warfield, is leaving tomorrow for a 10-week tour of Africa and the Middle East, which is to include Israel.

Mayor Agron Faces Two Non-Confidence Votes Tonight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two motions of non-confidence in the Mayor of Jerusalem — one by the Herut party and one by the Religious Bloc in the Council — will be on the agenda of tonight's Council meeting.

Mapai Convention Opens Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The religious parties on Friday forwarded to Mr. Agron their request for a motion of non-confidence to be put on the agenda in view of the Mayor's field stand in connection with the attempt to bring Reformism into Jerusalem through the back door.

It appears, meanwhile, that a Mapai counter-move against the Religious Bloc will be made on Tuesday evening when the Council will be presented with motions of non-confidence in Deputy Mayors M. Porush and M. Gewirtzman.

The position of the three-man Progressive Party faction — which holds a key vote on these motions — was still unclear last night. A Mapai spokesman said that Mr. P. Ya'acobi of the Progressive Party would enter the Council to support the Mayor.

With the vote of the Progressive faction and one additional vote from the Religious Bloc, Mapai would be able to muster a one-man majority.

On the other hand, a Religious Bloc spokesman said that they were still negotiating with the Progressives to get up a new coalition under the leadership of Mr. Ya'acobi.

Another potentially explosive item on tonight's agenda is the appointment of an act of a permanent committee of the Religious Bloc. It is likely to go to Deputy Mayor Mordechai In-Shalom of Mapai.

Foerder Heads J.A. Budget Committee

Dr. Y. Foerder was elected Chairman of the Permanent Budget and Finance Committee of the Jewish Agency at the Committee's first session since the 24th Zionist Congress. Deputy Chairman, Mr. Y. Ephraim, who also heads a seven-man subcommittee responsible for drafting the Permanent Committee's agenda.

OIL STRUCK AT HELETZ 12

HELETZ, Saturday. — Oil was struck at Heletz 12 at a depth of about 5,000 feet last night. Tests which will provide an estimate of the amount of oil in the well are to be made tomorrow.

Waiter Reunited With Parents from Rumania

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The former owners of a well-known Jewish restaurant in Bucharest, which catered for the late President Weizman, the Revisionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky, and other well-known public figures, have arrived in Israel and joined their son, Joseph, 32, in Beersheba. He is a waiter. The couple, Israel Cohen, 71, and his wife Citla, 58, said they had managed to keep their restaurant open even under the German occupation, but had to close down in 1948. Their last customer from this country was the Communist leader, Mr. S. Mikulski, who dined there in 1947, they said.

Gaza Strip Arab Tried for Smuggling

LYDDA, Saturday. — An Arab from the Gaza Strip who was caught in Israel while smuggling a quantity of arms and ammunition, was tried in the military court here yesterday. The verdict is expected next week.

FOUND DEAD WITH REVOLVER BY SIDE

SAFAD, Saturday. — Yehoshua Megidov, 67, of Haifa, a senior Defense Ministry official and an officer in the reserve forces, was found dead here today with a revolver by his side. He is survived by a wife and two sons. The body was transferred to Haifa for a post mortem examination.

PORTUGUESE PILGRIMS OFF TO OLD CITY

The first organized group of Portuguese pilgrims on a pilgrimage to Israel crossed into the Old City of Jerusalem on Thursday after a short stay in the country. The group was led by the Bishop of Braga, Mr. Jose de Almeida, and consisted of 15 pilgrims and 10 priests. The Bishop expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements made.

SKULL. — July floodwaters in Germany uncovered the skull of a Neanderthal woman who died 130,000 years ago, Dr. Ewald Haeckel, a professor at Marburg University, reported on Friday.

Strike Fails to Halt Bathers in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — Haifa enjoyed adequate transport arrangements over the weekend despite the bus strike. Thousands turned up at the city's beaches by truck and taxi service. However, the Carmel Beach, the city's largest, reported that business was only 50 per cent of normal.

Hamekasher Praised By Municipality

The "responsible stand" taken by the Hamekasher bus company in continuing urban bus service in Jerusalem was praised by Mr. A. Arest, Chairman of the Municipality's Transportation Committee, on Friday.

Hamekasher's attitude would help considerably in making "many necessary improvements" in the city's transport system, he said.

Sharayim Maccabi Beats Haifa, 3-1

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two basketball test games for the first division were played today. Sharayim Maccabi beat Haifa Maccabi 3-1 before 1,000 spectators.

Jerusalem Betar beat Haifa Betar 3-0 before 1,500 spectators in Kfar Saba. The score after the first half was 0-0.

BREAKS OWN RECORD

HADERA, Saturday. — Adam Friedman of Haifa Maccabi broke his own record for Maccabi Youth in the Hadera Maccabi semi-finals today when he swam the 200-meter breaststroke in 2 minutes 54.7 seconds. His previous record was 2 minutes 57.8 seconds.

Accidentally Shot By Revolver

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Rahma Jifra, 22, of Beersheba, sustained severe head wounds when she was accidentally shot by a revolver yesterday. She was immediately taken to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem for an emergency operation where she is now out of danger.

3,000 Eighth Form Pupils Get Stipends

Some 3,000 eighth-form pupils will get scholarships in secondary, agricultural or vocational schools on the basis of tests held recently by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The Ministry spokesman announced on Friday. Sixteen thousand pupils took the tests.

Some of the stipends were given by the Joint Fund of the Government and the Jewish Agency for the Promotion of Secondary Education among New Immigrants and Oriental Communities. Passing requirements for candidates in this category had been lowered.

Nine thousand scholarships worth more than IL1m. have been awarded so far, the Ministry spokesman added.

MIGDALOR CINEMA

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The prizes will be held for the winners until October 1, 1956, after which the prizes will be sold and the money held for half a year from the date of publishing of this announcement. If the money is not collected at this time it will be transferred to the Fund and used for the construction of a rest home in Nabariya.

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Tel Aviv Traffic Moves Smoothly

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Traffic moved smoothly in and from the Central Bus Station yesterday. During the heaviest rush hour between noon and 4 p.m., the only queues were those of taxis and taxis waiting for passengers.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, visited the station on Friday and at the South Tel Aviv Railway Station he inspected arrival and departure of trains.

Yesterday's travellers on the roads almost reached the usual Friday morning. Ministry of Transport officials said. They paid normal tolls and went by lorry at prices below bus fares.

The taxi journey to Haifa, cost IL2, and by lorry IL1, which is 200 pruta cheaper than by bus. To Jerusalem, the lorry was IL1 and to Natanya 60 pruta.

Organized service continued until 7 p.m. yesterday. Lorries were again on the roads tonight.

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Hamekasher's attitude would help considerably in making "many necessary improvements" in the city's transport system, he said.

Drivers Asked To Register Daily

The Controller of Road Transport has requested all lorry drivers working under the emergency arrangements to register daily with the Control Stations in order to be included in the Ministry of Transport's insurance scheme for their passengers.

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U.N. Fires Suspected Russian Spy

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, U.N. Secretary-General, yesterday announced that he had fired a Soviet employee against whom the U.S. had pressed charges of espionage.

The employee is a translator, Victor Yanovitch Petrov, who was stated to have left the U.S. on Thursday.

The State Department announced yesterday that Petrov had attempted to subvert an aircraft plant's draftsmen whom he had contacted through the want-ad section of a daily newspaper. At first, he had given the draftsmen the job of tracing diagrams from commercial aviation magazines.

Later, he asked him to bring him classified information on physical specifications and characteristics of U.S. military aircraft manufactured in the plant in which he worked.

Neither the Justice Department nor the FBI would identify the draftsmen or his employers. (UP, Reuters)

SOLDIER KILLED IN ROAD COLLISION

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A lorry driver, Simha Homan, was yesterday remanded in custody by Magistrate Mrs. M. Shamir on the charge of fatally injuring Yitzhak Mashat, 20, the previous day. The victim, a soldier, was returning home for a holiday in a motorcycle, when he collided with the lorry in Rehov Tabor. (Hina)

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Asked to Pay For Trip to Morgue

MELBOURNE, Saturday (Reuters).

Mrs. Sheila Baulch, who was officially pronounced dead last week, was from King's College as she was being put into a refrigeration chamber in the city morgue, has been sent a bill for her ambulance trip to the morgue.

Mrs. Baulch, a 44-year-old housewife, now very much alive and feeling fine, received the bill yesterday for LA3.

"I am certainly surprised to get it, but I am not complaining," she said. "After all, it is pretty nice to be in a position to pay it."

Jordan-Egypt Army Talks Concluded

All el Hiar, Jordanian Deputy Chief of Staff, declared on his return from a five-day visit to Cairo on Friday, that he had held talks with the leaders of the Egyptian Army on military problems concerning both countries in view of their common enemy, Rashid Radio reported yesterday.

El Hiar further stated that he had handed over to the Egyptian War Minister, Abd el Hakim Amr, two letters, one from the Jordanian Supreme Commander, the Jordan Army, and one from All Abu Nawar, the Jordanian Chief of Staff. The letters contained information on military problems.

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Asked what guarantee those customers of many nations could expect against any interference with the free passage of their shipping, Nasser said that the Treaty of 1888 had ensured that.

Woman Helps Avert Train Collision

FOR FRANCES, Ontario, Saturday (UP). — A 30-year-old housewife was credited yesterday with averting a major train collision by racing to a signal box and pulling down a switch to warn an oncoming train of a wreck in its path.

Mrs. Mel Watson received a frantic phone call Thursday night from a Canadian National Railway operator at Fort Frances who told her of a derailment of a 31-car freight train near Alderton, 75 miles west of Fort Frances.

The operator said another train was coming up the tracks, but he could not locate the part-time operator at Alderton, 19 miles west of the accident, to stop the oncoming train. One of the derailed cars had damaged the signal system on the tracks so that the oncoming train could not be warned.

Mrs. Watson drove over the winding road to Alderton. She contacted the off-duty operator just as the train was coming down the tracks. The operator rushed to the station and flagged it down.

U.S. AIRMAN'S BODY FOUND IN CHINA SEA

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — The body of one of the 16 crew members of a naval patrol plane shot down Thursday has been recovered. The U.S. Navy said last night.

Meanwhile, Britain has asked China about the fate of the U.S. aircraft missing over the China Sea.

Nasser Says He'll Reject Any Non-Egyptian Control of Suez

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).

The Egyptian dictator was today quoted in the "News Chronicle" as saying that he would not accept any supervisory control of the Suez Canal which was not Egyptian, but that he was waiting for an invitation to attend a U.N. conference on the waterway.

These comments were made in an interview with the "News Chronicle" correspondent in Cairo, Mr. Frank Owen. Nasser was also quoted as saying that he would have attended the London Conference on the Suez Canal if Sir Anthony Eden had not named him as an enemy of Britain.

"The Egyptian people have no quarrel with the British people," Nasser declared according to the "News Chronicle" correspondent. "How could we have, at any rate for long? Too many of our interests are the same."

"I personally as head of the Egyptian Government would welcome and I sincerely hope for a sensible settlement of our differences."

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Arab League To Meet on Suez

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — The Arab League Secretary-General, Abdul Khalek Hassana, is contacting Arab Governments with a view to calling an early meeting of the League's Political Committee to discuss the Suez Canal situation following the London conference.

Lebanese Minister of State said that discussions which started today between the Lebanese authorities and the Egyptian Government, Mustafa ben Halim, would include the Suez Canal and the forthcoming meeting of the League.

FIRE DESTROYS PUMPING STATION

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The water pumping station of Kibbutz Revivim in the Negev was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday. The damage has not yet been estimated.

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THE Suez Canal conference which ended last week may be said to have fallen somewhat short of **MISSION** by its sponsoring powers **EGYPT** — the U.S., Britain and France. It did not succeed in drawing the visible outlines of a plan for the international control of the inter-continental waterway.

The major move of the conference was its stress on the desire of all participating nations for a negotiated settlement of the dispute; and secondly, despite the strong opposition of the Soviet and Indian delegations, 17 nations, among them the world's major users of the Canal, recorded their firm belief that freedom of transit through this vital waterway can be assured only by effective international control.

The so-called "Menzie mission," named after its Chairman, Prime Minister Robert Menzies of Australia, has been assigned a delicate task. It will emphasize that this viewpoint embodies the minimal conditions acceptable to at least 17 nations, including most of the world's greatest maritime powers.

But despite the mission's indisputable competence to present the majority viewpoint, it is by no means assured of a cordial reception in the Egyptian capital. The optimism of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, is not borne out by the reaction of Abdul Nasser's mouthpiece, "Al Gamhouriya," which has fanned indignation at the "outrageous arrogance" of expecting a "President" to appear before a mere committee.

The subterfuge of protocol apart, however, there is no reason to believe that Abdul Nasser, even if he does receive the Menzie mission, will feel obliged to accept either its propositions or admit its competence. It is almost certain that he will demand that the dispute be referred to the United Nations — a position in which he will be supported by a significant section of the British press, however small the prospects of a useful U.N. solution to this problem may be. Abdul Nasser has already climbed down somewhat from his position that the Suez Canal administration is nobody's business but Egypt's, and is willing to accept its "customers" in a consultative capacity on an Egyptian board of directors. It is this difference, between a consultative capacity — which will leave Abdul Nasser the final arbiter of what constitutes freedom of navigation — and executive authority that remains the main obstacle to a negotiated settlement.

The London conference has shown agreement that there must be complete freedom of navigation. The point at issue was, in fact, whether Abdul Nasser could be trusted to preserve this freedom. The verdict of the overwhelming majority of the nations was negative. The Soviet Foreign Minister, who insisted that Russia upholds the principle of non-discrimination in the Canal, would not state specifically that this must apply to Israel too. While it is true that, except for France, the major Western powers have maintained a discreet silence with regard to Israel, it is generally recognized that the successful conclusion of Israel from use of the Canal has set a dangerous precedent which it would be useful to liquidate, and not for Israel's sake alone. None of the Western nations are by now willing to accept Nasser's avowals of good faith, and it would have been helpful if the only four nations who emphasized their belief in Egypt's right to freedom of transit, Russia, India, Ceylon and Indonesia, would have given a considered opinion on the position of Israel's shipping, a question which remained in the back of the mind of many a delegate in London.

U Nu Loses Faith In People's China

By RAWLEY KNOX

RANGOON (OFNS). — U Nu's announced intention of resigning the presidency of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (A.P.F.L.), Burma's governing party, may well be the beginning of his retirement from national politics. Has he changed his mind or has it been changed for him?

When he resigned the premiership after the Burma general elections last April, it was with the declared intention of reforming the A.P.F.L. organization. Now he says that this is "beyond the task of one man or even one body of men." U Nu, who once prophesied that the A.P.F.L. would be in power for the next 20 years, now finds that the party has corrupted the party.

When I saw him recently in the severe new offices of the Burma Translation Society in Rangoon, where, among his many other duties, he helps to translate English classics into Burmese, he hinted that the job of reform was proving difficult. He would not agree that party members were objecting to his vigorous wielding of the new broom, but said: "Some of them think I am going too far fast."

Poor Record
Referring to the town of Prome, where the A.P.F.L. suffered a bad defeat during the elections and where U Nu had just cleaned out the local A.P.F.L. committee, he said: "When I went to Prome before the elections, people came up to me openly and said: 'We like you personally, but we are going to vote against the A.P.F.L. because of its record here.'"

When talking to me, U Nu apparently had every intention of continuing his reorganization of the party.

When I asked him if he had any thought of an early retirement from politics — he has often said that he would prefer to devote his life to study and concentrate on religious study — he reminded me that when he resigned the premiership he had promised to return to the post in a year's time. The country needs its leaders," he said.

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At Odds with Parity

U Nu, quite patently, is the first of the major leaders of "neutralist Asia" to have lost all faith in the word of Peking. This does not altogether suit the book of U Ba Swe and U Kyaw Nyin, Premier and Deputy Premier, and members of the Burma Socialist Party (U Nu is not a Socialist) whose trade and development programmes call for continuing and close friendship with the Communists.

U Ba Swe told me that ultimately Burma must have a Socialist Prime Minister. Though then he was fully conscious of U Nu's value as a leader.

For the present, U Nu told me he wants to travel and do missionary work for Buddhism. He asked me with some interest what success Dr. Billy Graham had really had in his present mood, if U Nu goes abroad as a missionary, he is likely to speak not only of the truths of Buddhism but of the lies of the Communists.

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Soviet Coal Industry Increasing Targets

By EDWARD CRANKSHAW

AT Staling, in the Ukraine recently, on the speechmaking marathon which is taking him all over the Soviet Union, Mr. Khrushchev was very downright indeed, even for Mr. Khrushchev, and scolding to a degree the management of the Ukrainian coalfields.

He said that the slackness in the celebrated Donetsk Basin was "intolerable." He proposed a scheme, which will certainly become a decree, fixing wages to output even more rigorously than hitherto. He attacked the "pithead extortion" of the officials, the proliferation of officials, statisticians, book-keepers and overseers of every kind who work in offices above ground and have never been down a pit.

At the face of it, the Soviet Government should have every reason to be pleased with the coal situation. In 1954, Stalin gave the coalminers of the Soviet Union, sitting the ruins of the war, a stupendous and back-breaking target. They had to raise Soviet coal production to 500 million tons, and Stalin wanted that done in the span of three Five-Year Plans — by 1960 that is.

Tremendous Progress
Well, it is being done. By 1950, output had risen to 26 million tons. By 1955, it was 39 million tons. And the new target for 1960 incorporated in the current Five-Year Plan is 50 million tons, nearly one-fifth in excess of Stalin's vision, long-term target. On top of that, the fuel situation as a whole has been completely transformed by the discovery and swift exploitation of new oilfields. For oil, Stalin's long-range target was 50 million tons, and the revised target for 1960, which will almost certainly be reached, is 135 million tons, or more than double Stalin's dream.

But the dream is already out of date. Stalin was obsessed with the imperative necessity of making the Soviet Union invulnerable self-sufficient and of catching up with American production. But American production did not stand still to be caught up with — nor, for that matter, did the production of Britain, France and West Germany. The expected American slump did not come. And after the immense stimulus of the Korean war, Stalin's figures, based on his estimate of the

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production required to "guarantee us against all accidents" began to look rather silly. The sights had to be raised.

A good deal was done to get the Donetsk, with its immensely rich pits, working again after Russian scorched earth policy and German wrecking had wrecked and flooded the pits during World War Two. At first, this was Mr. Georgi Malenkov's particular task, then later, Mr. Khrushchev's own. But the Ukrainian coalfields never had first priority. In the first years after the war, Stalin was intoxicated and obsessed by the riches of the Urals and points east. The rehabilitation and modernization of the Donetsk was neglected in favour of the swift development of the eastern coalfields — many of them rich in easily won coal worked by open-pit methods of the Caucasian coalfields was neglected for the rapid development of the new oilfields in the Urals. The oil fields were now finding in that far too high a proportion of the impressive total production includes the wrong kind of coal mined in the wrong places — involving immensely long and costly hauls. Hence, the decision, which was already taken late last year and announced in the current Five-Year Plan in February, to develop and mechanize the Donetsk pits, for too long neglected.

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Friday's Press

THREE DAYS OF STRIKE

THE transport stoppage, which is now in its third day, still seems of paramount interest for the Press.

Ha'aretz (non-party) observes that the Bus Co-operatives have lost the strike morally and are losing it heavily financially. Things will never be the same between these companies and the general public or between them and the Government as well as the Histadrut. Ha'aretz does not think that co-operative transport is inherently bad; what it condemns is a monopoly free of public control. Not necessarily favouring nationalization, the paper is certain that Government control will make for gradual improvement, and while it will have to ensure a decent standard of living for the co-operative members it will also be in a position to prevent undue privileges.

Ha'aretz (General Zionist) points out the fact that the main phases of the negotiations on transport have been in the hands of the Histadrut, not the Government. The paper even ventures the guess that the strike was "approved" by the authorities as a softening-up process in preparation for forcing the co-operatives to sell out to the Histadrut, as has been the case with other concerns.

Allowing that strikes never accomplish anything but at best only serve as a prelude to negotiations, the paper says that the Minister of Transport must see to it that the strike is stopped immediately. He must try to terms with the Co-operatives, failing which transport should be reorganized by arrangement with the Local Authorities in the urban centres and with the Government on inter-urban lines. But there must be no other ownership, certainly not Histadrut operation. For public transport is a vital public service of the first order and should not be subject to party interests.

Al Hahamishar (Mapam) writes that the Bus Co-operatives have won no new friends

(to say nothing of the old ones they have lost) and they have been made mistaken to believe that the inconvenience (and there are inconveniences) would make the public bow for a return to the old service. If these Co-operatives are determined, as reported, to fight "to the bitter end" it is up to all those concerned to consider a basic solution for urban and inter-urban transport beyond the routine means employed till now.

Hahamisha (World Aguda) puts the emphasis on the Co-operatives' signal failure to cultivate public relations, pointing out that there had been no positive response to their appeal to other drivers for solidarity, and the public as well as vehicle owners are enthusiastically siding with the Government against the strikers. As for the Government's taking over the transport system, it would only complicate the problem still more and would prove a heavy financial burden. If a company is in straits, it should cut down expenses or sell out, for it is inconceivable that every group on the verge of failure should be bought out by the Government. One way or another, the monopoly, despite our being so used to seeing transport monopolies as to visualize with difficulty the possibility of smooth-working competition on the same line.

Heret says that the Government displays a strong hand in internal affairs but in matters foreign it is as soft as butter. The Suez transport stoppage, designed by a cruel enemy intent on destroying Israel, is far more dangerous to us than the transport strike at home. The paper feels that the Government is to blame both for the stoppage here and for our debacle at the London Conference, saying that the West will rest content because it is enjoying free passage through the Canal while our Bat Galim is rotting at an Egyptian station.

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unless ways are found of drawing on employers, members, and the Government. Kupa Holim claims that the Government alternative is to close down part of its establishments, a remedy which nobody wants.

This will leave a deficit of 11.5 million instead of 11 million, and it is claimed that another million will have been saved this year by reducing administrative overhead. Medical and office staffs have not increased to keep pace with the influx of patients. Kupa Holim membership has shot up by some 70,000 this year, 30,000 by natural increase, and 40,000 among new immigrants. New immigration is the Government's chief argument for demanding more government aid, because practically all new immigrants join Kupa Holim. They pay minimum fees, while the medical demands are many.

Proposals submitted in the middle of the fiscal year may be difficult to implement, but a way out may be found by borrowing from the deficit fund. The remaining deficit will be paid off in the next year.

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Lyric Portrait of Sarah Soon to Be Known

By S. H. STECKOLL

A detailed description of the physical beauty of Sarah will become known soon with the publication of the text of the seventh Scroll found at Ein Feshika in 1947. The parchment, once thought to be the Book of Lemach, is now referred to as the "Book of Revelations and Stories from Genesis."

The parchment, a document written in Aramaic during the first century B.C.E., includes a detailed head-to-toe description of the Sarah of whom Abraham said: "Behold now, know that thou art a fair woman to look upon." Described by archaeologists, Yigal Yadin and N. Avigad of the Hebrew University, the ecstatically written verses on the physical charms of Sarah will remain under a veil of secrecy until the publication of the text of the Scroll.

Dr. Yadin would only comment that while the description "is most interesting," it "would pass censorship." The parchment which was found in a bad state of repair could be read only after infra-red photographs had been taken. It is already known that this Scroll from the Dead Sea is similar to the Book of Jubilees, which is now known also to belong to the sect of ascetics who lived in the Judean wilderness 2,000 years ago.

While general interest in this Scroll has been aroused throughout the world, scholars in Biblical research feel that there will be much to learn from the description of a woman's beauty by which she was known to have been one of the leading beauties of her time, there is no indication whatsoever that a description

tion of her passed down through the 1,500 years which separates the time when the Scroll was written.

As the description in this Scroll is realistic, the view has been expressed that the beauty attributed to Sarah must have belonged rather to the reigning beauty at the time that the Scroll was written — a woman who was seen by the author and made such an impression on him that in the seclusion of his monastic life on the shores of the Dead Sea he put her description on parchment.

While it is not known exactly when this Scroll was written, the general period of its composition was at a time when two women renowned for their beauty were living in Jerusalem. These two were Cleopatra, whose attractiveness is legend, and the wife of Herod, Mariamne, of whom the historian Josephus Flavius wrote that "her beauty is unrivalled" and that "thy Dead Sea he put her description on parchment."

This part of the Scroll, which is a paraphrase of Genesis, is expected to increase our knowledge of Hellenistic influences on Jewish religious trends. The contemporary document, the Book of Jubilees, in citing the three Holy Places of Eden, Mount Zion and Mount Sinai — says of Mount Zion that it is "the centre of the earth," a description identical to the one given to Delphi.

It cannot, of course, be said with any degree of certainty whether the feminine charms described in this document are those of Cleopatra or Mariamne — granddaughters of the Hittite Hyksos — or of some other unknown beauty. For this, more evidence will have to come forward on the time when the Scroll was written.

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